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Accessing the skills of refugee professionals

## Getting In-work benefits & financial support information

**Please note that Transitions is providing this as information. We can't take responsibility for advice provided by other agencies. Thanks.**

You should be financially better off in work/paid work experience placement than on benefits.

If you need impartial advice on claiming benefits or on going back to work and calculating if you will be better off or can retain some benefits, you can go to:

**The Citizens' Advice Bureau in your Borough** http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm

**A Law Centre in your borough**
http://www.lawcentres.org.uk/i-am-looking-for-advice

**Your Jobcentre**
https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus

**A voluntary sector advice service in your borough**
Ask at your local Council office or library or look on the internet for contact information

One example is **Migrants Resource Centre**
http://www.migrantsresourcecentre.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=64

**A Refugee Community Organisation**
The Refugee Council may be able to put you in touch.

**A Local Government advice centre.**
Ask at your local Council office or library or look on the internet for contact information

**Useful online benefits calculators**

https://www.gov.uk/benefits-adviser

http://www.entitledto.co.uk/

http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/getadvice/benefit-calculator/

http://www.turn2us.org.uk/benefits_search.aspx?gclid=CJKftM_0-7QCFfHJtAodVzAAuw


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Eligible for Working Tax Credit - Gov.uk

https://www.gov.uk/qualify-tax-credits

14 Jan 2016 - **Eligibility** depends on your age and how many hours of paid work you do a week. ... You can't claim **tax credits** and Universal **Credit** at the same time. ... You must work a certain number of hours a week to qualify.

**You can also discuss these other following possible sources of financial support with your Jobcentre, in order to assist with expenses such as travel, clothing, housing costs during your first month back at work. There isn't a guarantee that you will be offered the support because it is seen as discretionary.**

**- Flexible Support Fund: discretionary pot of money available to Jobcentre work coaches to assist customers**

**- In-work Emergency Fund: as above**

**- Local Authority Emergency Fund: This fund is administered by your Local Authority (ie Local Council). It used to be called the DWP (Jobcentre) Social Fund.**

**Ask your Jobcentre about these funds. If you are told that they no longer apply, please let us know and we will contact them on your behalf to check.**



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